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LB 624

PRESIDENT: Legislative Bill 624.

CLERK: Mr. President, 624 does have E & R amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to 624.

PRESIDENT: You heard the motion. All in favor say aye, opposed no. Motion carried, the amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment to the bill offered by Senators Rupp and Wesely.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to identify the amendment? Well Senator Wesely, go ahead.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we are passing out a copy of the amendment it is mostly a minor change in what we are dealing with. It was brought to us by the Columbus Schools and that is why Senator Rupp is cosponsoring the amendment. It is also a concern that was expressed in Hastings and Norfolk. What we are clarifying is exactly, what we are dealing with here again on LB 624 is asbestos clean up in our local school districts. We are leaving it up to local school districts to assess a levy that would be used to meet their asbestos concerns and would exempt them from the lid in terms of this levy. What we do with this amendment is just say that levy and that fund would be separated from the present funds. It would be an asbestos removal fund so that you would know what money was going into it, what money was going out of it, it would be easier to account for and the schools would like that identification. I think it would provide greater accountability as well. The second thing is that some of the schools have already started some of this and they are in the midst of some clean up as well as some schools just about to begin. The question is when does a project begin that would qualify for this ability to use this levy. What we say is that June 28, 1982 is the date at which the EPA came in and said you are going to have to clean up, so any clean up project that was completed after that date would qualify for assistance from the local school district to provide funding through this proposal. So what we do is again clarify when the project would begin and be qualified to provide for this levy. So that is what the amendments do and I think they improve the bill and are supported by the schools involved with the issue.